



Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Our Lady of Good Counsel is a Christ-centered Parish enlightened by the Holy Spirit, guided by the Scriptures, Tradition and the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church; through the Stewardship of time, talent and treasure, seeking to renew and maintain love, family unity and Christian values throughout the community.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday: 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Open 24 Hours a Day -
7 Days a Week

Thursday Before First Friday
Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m.

First Friday Mass
Sacred Heart Devotion
Mass at 6:30 a.m.
(unless noted in bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed 12 noon to 1 p.m. for
lunch and on holidays

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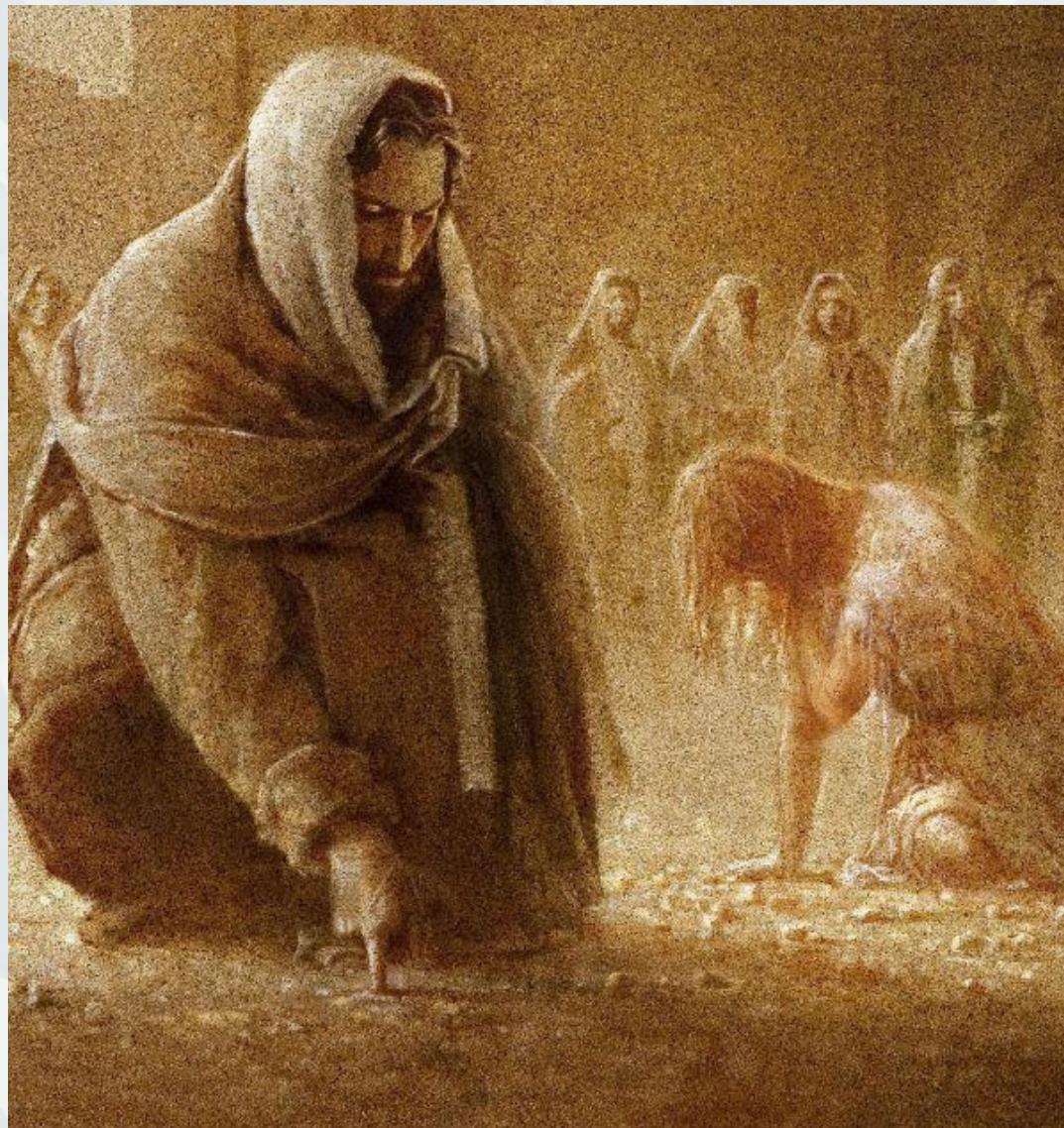
SCHOOL OFFICE

MONDAY through FRIDAY
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 6 & 7, 2019



This week's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8: 1-11

Next week's Readings: Luke 19:28-40 (procession); Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23 or 23:1-49

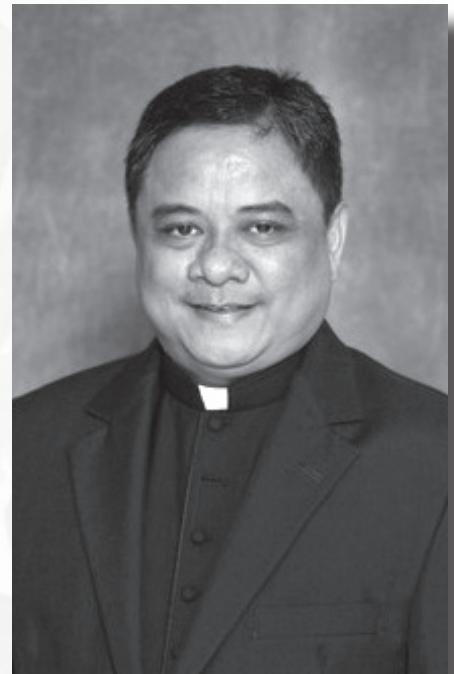
OVERWHELMING LOVE AND MERCY OF JESUS

The woman caught in adultery is one great story that we can learn from especially in the Season of Lent. Scribes and Pharisees were all prepared to stone this woman. Before doing so, they brought her to Jesus to test and find a way to trap the Lord. If they succeed, not only the woman would be stoned but Him as well. Because, if Jesus declares the woman innocent, He will be contradicting the law of Moses thus liable to judgment and punishment. If He abides by the law of Moses to stone her to death, then Jesus would be contradicting Himself teaching about forgiveness and mercy. But their ill intent did not succeed because Jesus knew all along. Rather, He was the one who put the Scribes and Pharisees in a dilemma when he made a thought-provoking statement, *"let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw the stone at her."*

Often or maybe many times, we become like the Scribes and Pharisees who easily find the faults of others. We look down on others for we think ourselves

as self-righteous people. Just try to imagine yourself if you were at that moment holding your stone. With the words of Jesus, will that stone be thrown towards the woman or hold that stone instead for you to remind yourself of your faults? Or, one more thing, just lay the stone where you would be standing and leave the place and not be bothered at all?

As we are about to enter the holy days of the year, Holy Week, let us embrace Jesus' compassion and mercy and realize the things that we need to change in our lives. Jesus always gives us an opportunity to transform our lives to live in grace. To be loving towards others rather than being hateful. To be forgiving rather than condemning. To be merciful rather than hardhearted. Jesus gives us all the time and moment to live with Him and in Him. Let us continue this path of the Lord to live with Him forever. Let us heed his call and as the Psalmist would say, *"if today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* (Psalm 95)



**Reverend Pascual Abaya IV
Pastor**



LIFELONG CATECHESIS

**Reverend Ernesto A. Juarez Jr.
Parochial Vicar
Director Of Liturgy**

SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

We will be discussing the Sacrament of the Eucharist as a separate entity from the Sacraments of Initiation. We will proceed to the Sacraments of Healing, that is the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In Confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in His presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled

to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). - from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

We receive God's forgiveness and mercy. The Sacrament of Penance allows us to receive forgiveness of sins and be reconciled with God, self, the Church family, and the human family—restoring our broken communion. Through Penance, we return to right relationships. (Sacramentum Caritatis, no. 20).

God is good. All the time!

POPE : HARDENED HEART IS UNFAITHFUL AND SLANDERS THE LORD

Vaticannews.org

March 28, 2019

The Pope warned against having a heart that does not listen to the voice of the Lord, saying, by doing so for "days, months, years", it becomes hard like soil without water. And when there is something that one dislikes about God, he or she discredits and slanders Him.

The Pope said that many times we are deaf and do not listen to the voice of the Lord, but always listen to the news and the gossip of the neighborhood. The Pope explained that a person with a hardened heart does not just stop at being deaf to the Lord. Unhappy with the things of the Lord, he or she puts God aside with an excuse and discredits, slanders and defames God.

One refuses to listen to the Lord and then discredits Him. This, the Pope said, is the penultimate step of the refusal of the Lord.



In the familiar story of the Prodigal Son, we see various people who cultivated things in very different ways. There is the younger son, who cultivated arrogance and such self-centeredness that he had the gall to ask his father for his inheritance before his father was dead. Then he took his substantial fortune and squandered it. He cultivated irresponsibility. There was the older son, who seems to have cultivated more a sense of duty than of love toward his family. When his brother messes up and goes away with his share of the inheritance, this older brother cultivated resentment and perhaps a sense of self-righteousness. The father cultivated the virtues of patience and mercy, and though it must have been very difficult for him to welcome back a son who had so severely insulted him by, in effect, telling him to "Drop dead," he worked very hard to cultivate an understanding of human foibles, of unbelievable mercy, and of attention on relationships above all else.

And what did they reap? The younger son, who had cultivated selfishness, arrogance, and such a love for money that he disdained his family, was left empty, hungry, and without dignity. (We presume he was a Jewish boy who was put in charge of tending swine, which was an unclean animal for a Jew.) The older son reaped misery by cultivating a resentment not only toward his brother – to the point that he calls him "that son of yours" – but also toward his father, whom he thought took him for granted and did not pay attention to him – even though all the father had belonged to him. The father, of course, reaped a rich harvest because his long-suffering virtue was the seed that made the younger son come to his senses and seek reconciliation, and we can see how his careful cultivation of the virtues of mercy and unfailing love yielded a rich harvest of festivity and joy. He even tried to sow that seed of mercy in the heart of his older son, so that he, too, could turn away from his dead end resentment and open himself to reconciliation and joy.

What do we cultivate? Do we cultivate the vices of self-centeredness? Do we cultivate resentment in our marriages, between family members, or with people at work or in the neighborhood? Or do we cultivate mercy, patience, and giving the other the benefit of the doubt, which is hard work to cultivate, but will yield a rich harvest – and may even be the seed that turns others from their self-destructive decisions into the arms of a most merciful God?

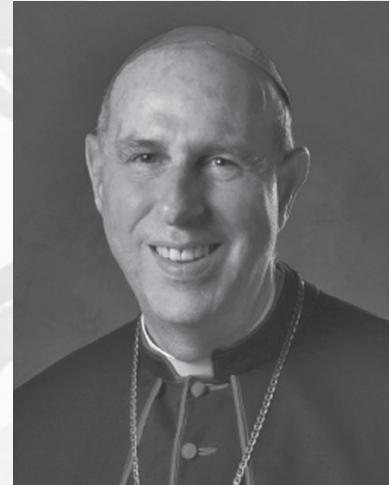
The last step from which there is no return is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, the Pope said, pointing to the warning of Jesus at the end of the Gospel.

The Pope said that one cannot be with Jesus and be at a distance. Either you are with Jesus or you are against Jesus; either you are faithful or you are unfaithful; either you have an obedient heart or you have lost your fidelity.

The Holy Father urged each one to examine their conscience. The words - "faithfulness has disappeared" and "whosoever is not with me is against me" – hold out hope for us, the Pope said.

Papal Intentions for April

Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.



BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Bishop Larry Silva
Diocese of Honolulu



First-Grade Gazette

By Chantelle Luarca, School Principal

Aloha to all! In March, the 1st grade created a timeline using their Social Studies textbook as a guide. The timeline expands from 1492 to 1865. With these youngsters born in 2012-2013, you can imagine hearing about these dates was a shock! The students used their text to help them write sentences and draw pictures. Below is the timeline they created.

The group started the timeline by studying Christopher Columbus who sailed from Spain in 1492. He discovered what he believed to be the "New World", North America. Next, they studied The Early Colonies which were founded in 1607. Many Europeans sailed to the New World in hopes of finding a better life for themselves and their families. Many lived in poverty in England and Europe, and many fled in order to obtain Religious freedom. From there, they studied The Early Pilgrims who started coming to the "New World" in 1692. They built homes, grew crops and worked together to establish their own community where they could make their own rules and laws. In 1776, the Early Farmers began to grow crops to feed the entire community. They used makeshift tools, and many times sowed the soil with their bare hands. They toiled for many months, often losing their crops due to harsh weather and poor planning. Finally, they studied Abraham Lincoln who was elected President of the United States in 1860. As the country became more divided civil war broke out, dividing families and loved-ones between the Northern and Southern states. Abraham Lincoln worked hard to free all slaves, and in 1862 issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation which declared all slaves to be free citizens on January 1, 1863.

The photo was taken of them when their timeline was completed. One student was absent and did his presentation the day before. He did a great job and presented a very detailed poster of the different crops the Early Farmers planted. They worked very hard and did a great job in recreating these important dates and events in U.S. history.

THE COMMUNION of SAINTS



Photo Credit: Rodel Eleccion

ST. LORENZO RUIZ

Born: 1600 Binondo, Manila, Philippines
Died: September 29, 1637
Feast: September 28
Patron of: Filipinos, overseas Filipino workers, migrant workers, the poor, separated families

Lorenzo Ruiz was born in Binondo, Manila, to a Chinese father and a Filipino mother who were both Catholic.

Ruiz served as an altar boy at the Binondo Church. After being educated by the Dominican friars for a few years, Ruiz earned the title of escribano (calligrapher) because of his skillful penmanship. He became a member of the Cofradia del Santísimo Rosario (Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary). He married Rosario, a native, and they had two sons and a daughter. The Ruiz family led a generally peaceful, religious and content life.

In 1636, whilst working as a clerk for the Binondo Church, Ruiz was falsely accused of killing a Spaniard. Ruiz sought asylum on board a ship with three Dominican priests, sailing for Okinawa on 10 June 1636. The Tokugawa Shogunate was persecuting Christians by the time Ruiz had arrived in Japan. The missionaries were arrested and thrown into prison, and after two years, they were transferred to Nagasaki to face trial by torture. On 27 September 1637, Ruiz and his companions were taken to Nishizaka Hill, where they were tortured by being hung upside-down over a pit. Despite his suffering, Ruiz refused to renounce Christianity and died from eventual blood loss and suffocation. His body was cremated, with the ashes thrown into the sea.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

Please notify the Parish Office a **week in advance** to have your intentions added to our schedule.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

7:00 a.m. For the eternal repose of the soul of Domingo Los Banos.

5:00 p.m. Birthday wishes & thanksgiving for Neiva Hilton, Sheila Nunila, Taylor Shott, Venuss Hasan, & Yusif Hasan. Good health & blessings for Romel & Gertrude Silva & the Bautista family. Special intentions for Marieta & Meliton Ramirez & the Military. For the eternal repose of the souls of Josfina Naui Bautista, Andrea Mejia, Lucena Afan Mondala & Rumela F. Velasco.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

6:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:30 a.m. Birthday blessings for Tegan Chadwick. For the eternal repose of the soul of Domingo Los Banos.

11:00 a.m. Safe travel for Romel & Gertrude Silva. For the eternal repose of the soul of Rumelia F. Velasco.

5:00 p.m. Blessings & healing for Noreen Keahiolalo, Steve Watson & Pisone Amerika. Special intentions for Joel Rivera.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

For the eternal repose of the soul of Andrea Mejia.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Birthday blessings for Nora Ponce. For the eternal repose of the souls of Andrea Mejia, Calvin K. Chow & George Travens.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

For the Military. For the eternal repose of the soul of Andrea Mejia.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

For the eternal repose of the soul of Andrea Mejia.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

For the eternal repose of the soul of Andrea Mejia.



STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT

You can gift wrap your tithe in a personalized envelope! Please contact our Parish Office for details. **Thank You for your continued generosity!**

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 804,000.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 15,500.00

COLLECTIONS for March 30-31, 2019

Tithing from Sunday Collection Envelopes	\$ 14,001.92
Loose Collections	\$ 9,693.75
Online Giving for March 25 -29, 2019	\$ 3,172.17
Miscellaneous Holiday Donations	\$ 1,116.00
Year to Date Budget	\$ 20.00
Year to Date Receipts	\$ 620,000.00
Difference	\$ 678,441.72
Number of Tithing Envelopes Received	\$ 58,441.72
	253

BUILDING FUND

Current Building Fund Balance	\$ 765,627.05
Collections for March 30-31, 2019	\$ 14,040.00
Online Giving for March 25-29, 2019	\$ 102.00
Phase III Construction Goal	\$ 3,000,000.00
Amount to Goal	\$ (2,234,372.95)

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

Current Church Maintenance Fund Balance	\$ 219,423.07
Collections for March 30-31, 2019	\$ 516.00
Online Giving for March 25-29, 2019	\$ 197.00

SECOND COLLECTION

OLGC School	\$ 380.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 2,003.59



TITHING GUIDE

Here is a helpful guide for tithing to our Parish based on 5% and 10% tithes of your total income.

ANNUAL INCOME	WEEKLY 10%	WEEKLY 5%	MONTHLY 10%	MONTHLY 5%	ANNUALLY 10%	ANNUALLY 5%
\$10,000	19.23	9.61	83.33	41.66	1000.00	500.00
\$15,000	26.84	14.42	125.00	62.50	1500.00	750.00
\$20,000	38.46	19.23	166.66	83.33	2000.00	1000.00
\$25,000	48.07	24.03	208.33	104.16	2500.00	1250.00
\$30,000	57.69	28.84	250.00	125.00	3000.00	1500.00
\$40,000	76.92	38.46	333.33	166.66	4000.00	2000.00
\$50,000	96.15	48.07	416.66	208.33	5000.00	2500.00
\$60,000	115.38	57.69	500.00	250.00	6000.00	3000.00
\$70,000	134.62	67.31	583.33	291.66	7000.00	3500.00
\$80,000	153.85	76.92	666.67	333.34	8000.00	4000.00
\$90,000	173.08	86.54	750.00	375.00	9000.00	4500.00
\$100,000	192.31	96.15	833.33	416.66	10000.00	5000.00
\$125,000	240.38	120.19	1041.67	520.33	12500.00	6250.00



GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Strong words come from Saint Paul in today's second reading. He reveals in no uncertain terms that life in Christ is our goal. Everything else, he maintains, is "rubbish." Junk. Trash. Garbage. Is that true? Is everything else "rubbish" compared to deepening our relationship with the Lord? What about putting recreational activities ahead of attending Mass? Or preferring uninterrupted hours playing the latest video games or watching TV to spending time in a bible study group, choir practice or serving in a soup kitchen? Or keeping late hours at work over sharing the gospel with friends and neighbors? To what extent do we exercise stewardship over our relationship with Christ?



ONLINE GIVING



*Remember us
in your will*

Our Lady of Good Counsel is extremely grateful to those individuals who have made, or have expressed an intention to make a gift to our future ministries in their will. Such a gift is among the most far reaching and valuable contributions. If you are considering leaving your gift as a will or bequest and would like more information, please call (808) 455-3012.

THIS WEEK AT OLGC

MONDAY, APRIL 8

10:45am-11:45am
3pm - 9pm
6:30pm - 8:30pm
7pm - 9pm
7pm - 9pm

School
Chuukese Community
Spirit & Grace Choir
Knights of Columbus
Marian/Praising Choir

Church
PC
Church
Center
Mtg Rm

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:45am-11:45am
5pm - 9pm
5:30pm - 7pm
6:45pm - 9pm
7pm - 9pm

School
AHG
Y & YA Choir
CYM Team Meeting
Samoan Choir

Church
PC
Mtg Rm
Mtg Rm
Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

8:30am - 11:30am
10am - 11:30am
6pm - 7pm
6pm - 9pm

Outreach
School Passion Play
Shazzy
Charismatic Prayer Group

Center
Church
PC2
Church

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

8:15am
11am - 2pm
4:30pm - 6pm
6pm - 7pm
6:30pm - 8:30pm

School Mass
Reading Horizons Training
Blessed Mother Prayer Group
Shazzy
Spirit & Grace Choir

Church
PC
Church
PC2
Church

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

8:15am - 9:30am
10am - 11:30am
3pm - 9pm
5pm - 9pm
7pm
7:30pm

School Rosary
School Stations of the Cross
YAFM Meal Prep
Y & YA Choir
Stations of the Cross
YAFM Meal

Church
Church
PC
Mtg Rm
Church
PC

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8am - 12pm
9:30am - 12pm
9am - 10:30am
4pm - 9pm

Fellowship Ministry Meeting
Samoan Choir
RE Confirmation Retreat
Filipino Ministry

Center
Church
PC
PC

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

7:30am - 10:30am
9:45am - 10:45am
2pm - 3pm
3pm - 4:30pm
4:30pm - 6:30pm
6:30 - 8:30pm

Fellowship after all AM Mass
RCIC
Religious Ed Classes
CYM M Setup
CYM MS Class
CYM HS Setup
CYM HS Class

Mtg Rm
School
PC
PC
PC
PC

CHURCH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY

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Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson

Mrs. Chantelle Luarca
School Principal

Mrs. Teri Nicolas
School Secretary

Mrs. Nellie Enos
School Receptionist

WELCOME INFORMATION

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you are seriously ill, or will be undergoing surgery, please contact the Parish Office.

BLESSINGS: Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for blessings of home, cars, boats, etc.

CANDLES: Candles are available for purchase upon request.

CHANGE of ADDRESS: Please notify the secretary of any changes.

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office before making arrangements with the mortuary.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to OLGC Parish!
Please register and join in our Parish activities.

SACRAMENTS of INITIATION:

INFANT BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment with the priest. Parents should apply at least one month prior to the Baptismal Preparation Program.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS (RCIA): Please contact the Parish Office if you are a baptized Christian of another denomination wishing to become Catholic, or if you wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

SACRAMENT of MATRIMONY: Please contact the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance for an appointment with a priest. This appointment should take place before any other arrangements are made.

Thank You



FOR HELPING TO SAVE LIVES!!!

On Saturday, March 23, 2019 the Health Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosted our Fifth Annual Lenten Blood Drive. We would like to extend a sincere thank you and deepest appreciation to our amazing blood donors and awesome volunteers. This year we exceeded our goal, collecting 31 units of blood! One unit can help to save up to three lives! Congratulations to this year's four blood donors who won the Ruby Tuesday \$25.00 gift cards - Therese Vasconcellos, Luz Vea, Rosario Valencia and Elienne Yoshida. Any blood donors who would like to have their future donations credited to Our Lady of Good Counsel can do so by providing the Blood Bank of Hawaii the OLGC sponsor code: 2144.

Mahalo and God bless!!
The OLGC Health Ministry Team

